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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/780,642	PETTIGREW ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Jingge Wu	2623

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2001.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-8, 10-18, 20-28 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 9, 19 and 29 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in-

- (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or
- (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

Claims 1-8, 10-18, 20-28, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 6504551 to Takashima et al.

As to claim 1, Takashima discloses Apparatus for processing image data comprising:

storage means for storing instructions (fig. 1 12);

memory means for storing the instructions during execution and for storing image data (fig. 1 13);

processing means and display means for allow user to interact and modify the color values, wherein,

identifying a color vector (Pi) and luminance range (BL and WL) for said color vector (fig. 3a, col. 16 lines 31-52):

defining a color vector function (equation 1) in response to said identification, in which the color vector (Pi) is a function of luminance (col. 15 line 42-col. 16 line 16);

processing source image data to identifying luminance values (fig. 3A-B, col. 16 line 31-col. 17 line 32); and

modifying colors in response to the luminance values with reference to the color vector function (fig. 2-fig. 3B, col. 14 line 15-col. 16 line 16).

As to claims 2-3, Takashima further discloses the color vector function is defined by points on curves and is animated ((fig. 3A, L1 and L2, note that users can move, change, and operate on the curves).

As to claim 4, Takashima further discloses the color vector function is defined by applying the identified color vector to a previously defined color vector function (fig. 3A-B, col. 16 line 31-col. 17 line 32).

As to claim 5, Takashima further discloses LUT (fig. 2, col. 15 line 46-col. 16 line 16).

As to claim 6, Takashima further discloses the color vector function defines red, green blue displacement with reference to coordinates (col. 15 line 46-col. 16 line 16, col. 24 lines 19-52).

As to claim 7, Takashima further discloses a user performs operations to control the image processing with a GUI on a monitor, the interface including a plurality of widgets for facilitating user communication with the processes for modifying color values (fig. 1, 3A, 40-43).

As to claim 8, Takashima further discloses the identification of a color vector (Pi) is performed with reference to a user input of coordinates from a two dimensional trackball widget (mouse) which dimensions are pure color (fig. 3A-B, col. 16 line 31-col. 17 line 32).

As to claims 10, 11-18, 20, 21-28 and 30, the limitations are addressed with regard to claim 1-8, (note that updating the color vector function is inherent when user either choosing other Ps or choosing Ls).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9, 19, and 29 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if **rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.**

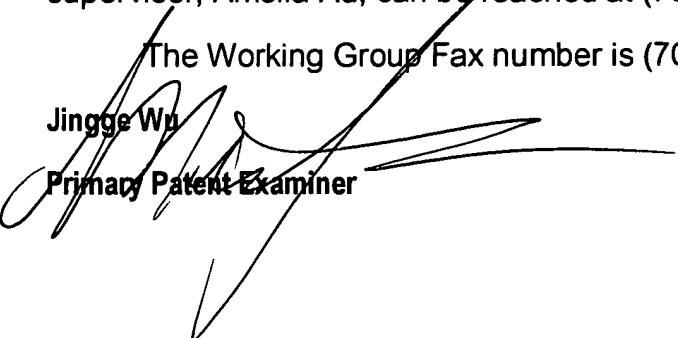
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Jingge Wu whose telephone number is (703) 308-9588. He can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. The examiner can be also reached on second alternate Fridays.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au, can be reached at (703) 308-6604.

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